

## RE: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Wildlife analysis request

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To lady0612@protonmail.com, Budd, Kris R



Hi Cheri,

Thank you for the photos and information. You can request that they do surveys for endangered species on your property or adjacent areas with suitable habitat. From the photos your property likely has several listed bat species that may be using your property. These species raise their young in trees during the summer and then hibernate in caves or mines during the winter. Our office does have several bat detectors and John has mentioned that we may be able to place a detector on your property in the summer to help you understand what bat species are present – if that is something you are interested in. Bats are mobile mammals and use multiple roost trees so if trees are removed (most likely during winter) bats are not directly affected but it could impact a maternity colony indirectly. It is challenging without capturing and tracking the animal to find maternity roost trees. Generally, these trees are greater than 9 in diameter-at-breast height and have loose or exfoliating bark (dead or living trees).

Feel free to reach out to me or Kris Budd (CCed). I have taken a new position within USFWS but can still be available to talk with you.

Have a happy New Year!

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This is an email I received 12/31/24 regarding a request I sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to see if there were any endangered species in the area that could be using my land for habitat. This was the response. Please note the second and third sentence, “You can request that they do surveys for endangered species on your property or adjacent areas with suitable habitat. From the photos your property likely has several listed bat species that may be using your property.”

I do intend to pursue this issue this summer, as like I have said all along, I try to foster wildlife habitat on my property and if there are any endangered species nearby that need any assistance to survive, I am more than willing to do whatever I can on my property to help them.